

REMARKS

Claims 9 and 33 are amended to better point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention.

Support for the subject matter added to claims 9 and 33 is set forth in paragraphs [0023] and [0027] of the published specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

It is submitted that amended independent claims 9 and 33, and claims 10-32 which depend from claim 9, are allowable over Wilson and Lipsanen because the feature newly recited in the last paragraph of claims 9 and 33 is neither disclosed nor suggested by either reference.

Conclusion


Applicants do not necessarily agree with any of the Examiner's comments regarding the applicability of the cited references to any of the claims. However, in view of the reasons presented herein for allowance of the claims, applicants are not presenting additional arguments at this time. Applicants reserve the right to present additional arguments for traversing the present and any future rejections of the claims.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 9-33 are respectfully requested. Should any issues remain unresolved, Examiner Wendell is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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